02-17-04 RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL AND FEE AUTHORIZA SERIAL NO.: 09/994,526 ATTORNEY DOCKET No.: 18733/00070 PILING DATE: CONFIRMATION NO: **EXAMINER** GROUP ART UNIT: November 27, 2001 Devon C. Kramer 8523 3683 INVENTOR(S): Akira TSUBOUCHI, Kiyoshi OKUBO and Yasushi WATANABE TITLE OF INVENTION: HOLLOW RACK SHAFT AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF MAIL STOP RCE DATE OF DEPOSIT: FEBRUARY 16, 2004 COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P. O. BOX 1450 **ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450**

TRANSMITTED HEREWITH FOR THE ABOVE IDENTIFIED U.S. PATENT APPLICATION IS:

\boxtimes	(A) A Preliminary Amendment in response to the Office Action
	dated October 16, 2003.

(B) A Petition for Extension of Time (\$110)

 \boxtimes for 1 month \square for 2 months \square for 3 months; A Petition for Extension of Time, having been previously filed, for 1 month for 2 months for 3 months

(C) A request for approval of proposed drawing changes.

(D) A Letter to Official Draftsperson.

(E) An Information Disclosure Statement.

(F) Other: Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (\$770)

(G) A Notice of Change of Inventor Address.

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